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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

REFTELS REPORT CURRENT SAUDI F-5 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EGYPTIAN PILOTS AND DESIRE OF IRAN TO INSTITUTE SIMILAR PROGRAM FOR EGYPTIANS. SECRETARY HAS INSTRUCTED ATHERTON, DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA DEC 19-20 AND CAIRO DEC 21 TO INFORM THOSE GOVERNMENTS THAT WE CANNOT CONCUR IN THESE PROGRAMS AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT IS BETTER FOR BOTH THEIR AND OUR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES THAT THE SAUDI PROGRAM BE DISCONTINUED AND THE PROPOSED IRANIAN PROGRAM NOT GO FORWARD AT THIS TIME. DEPT WILL SEND SECRET

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INSTRUCTIONS TO TEHRAN CONTAINING TALKING POINTS FOR

INFORMING IRANIANS ON SUNDAY, DEC 21, BUT WE WANTED AMBASSADOR EILTS AND HELMS TO HAVE THIS ADVANCE WORD SO THEY WILL BE FOREWARNED IN THE EVENT EGYPTIANS AND IRANIANS HEAR OF IT FROM SAUDIS BEFORE WE MAKE OUR APPROACH. KISSINGER

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